

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-11 and 13-18 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A part for being arranged with ~~which is designed so that~~ a plurality of parts each identical to ~~the~~ said part ~~are arranged in~~ with the same attitude in parallel with a part moving direction on a guide for supplying the part to a predetermined position, wherein the plurality of identical parts include a preceding part preceding said part on the guide and a succeeding part, succeeding said part on the guide, said part comprising:

a plurality of abutment portions configured and positioned to push ~~for pushing~~ a plurality of receiving portions provided on a the preceding part placed on the guide, while maintaining ~~an~~ the attitude of the preceding part; and

a plurality of receiving portions to be pushed by a plurality of projections provided on a the succeeding part placed on the guide,

the plurality of abutment portions and the plurality of receiving portions being provided in an area of ~~the~~ said part different from ~~, which area is selected to avoid~~ an area of said part required to have dimensional precision.

2. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1, further comprising positioning restricting portions configured and positioned to restrict ~~for restricting~~ a position of ~~the~~ said part on the guide with respect to a direction perpendicular to the part moving direction.

3. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein a the length along the part moving direction from each of ~~the~~ said plurality of abutment portions to a corresponding one of ~~the~~ said plurality of receiving portions is substantially the same and is the largest of all lengths of ~~the~~ said part along the part moving direction.

4. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the plurality of abutment portions ~~come into abutment with~~ abut the respective receiving portions to restrict a the position of the preceding part relative to a direction perpendicular to the part moving direction.

5. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein ~~the~~ said plurality of abutment portions and ~~the~~ said plurality of receiving portions are provided at both ends of said part across the center of a the width of said part perpendicular to the part moving direction.

6. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein each of ~~the~~ said abutment portions has a convex shape.

7. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein each of ~~the~~ said receiving portions has a concave shape.

8. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein ~~the said part is a part~~ which supports an electrophotographic photosensitive member and comprises ~~constitutes~~ a process cartridge.

9. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein ~~the said part is a part~~ which supports a bearing of a charging member configured and positioned to support for ~~supporting~~ an electrophotographic photosensitive member and comprises ~~constitutes~~ a process cartridge.

10.(Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein ~~the said part is a part~~ which supports a cleaning member and comprises ~~constitutes~~ a process cartridge.

11. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein ~~the said part is a part~~ which contains toner and comprises ~~constitutes~~ a process cartridge.

12. (Original) A part according to claim 11, wherein the toner is undeveloped toner.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ An electricity-supplying, sheet-metal-like part for being arranged with ~~which is designed so that~~ a plurality of parts each identical to ~~the said electricity-supplying, sheet-metal-like part~~ are arranged in with the same attitude in parallel with a part moving direction on a guide in which a groove for supplying a said electricity-supplying,

sheet-metal-like part to a predetermined position is provided, wherein the plurality of identical parts include a preceding part preceding said electricity-supplying, sheet-metal-like part on the guide and a succeeding part, succeeding said electricity-supplying, sheet-metal-like part on the guide, said part comprising:

a first bend configured and positioned to push ~~for pushing~~ a bend which is provided on a the preceding part placed in the groove and has having a surface perpendicular to the part moving direction; and

a second bend configured and positioned to be pushed by a bend which is provided on a the succeeding part placed in the groove and having ~~has~~ a surface perpendicular to the part moving direction,

~~the said~~ first bend and ~~the said~~ second bend being provided in an area of said electricity-supplying, sheet-metal-like part different from ~~selected to avoid~~ an area of said electricity-supplying, sheet-metal-like part through which ~~the said~~ electricity-supplying, sheet-metal-like part comes into contact with another electricity supplying, sheet-metal-like part member.

14. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 13, wherein a the length along the part moving direction from ~~the said~~ first bend to ~~the said~~ ~~corresponding~~ second bend is the largest of all lengths of ~~the said~~ electricity-supplying, sheet-metal-like part along the part moving direction.

15. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 13 or 14, wherein ~~the~~ said electricity-supplying, sheet-metal-like part ~~constitutes~~ is part of an electricity supplying path.

16. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 15, wherein ~~the~~ said part constitutes part of an electricity supplying path to a charging member configured and positioned to for electrically charge ~~charging~~ an electrophotographic photosensitive member.

17. (Currently Amended) A part supplying method for supplying a part to a predetermined position, comprising:

a step of placing a the part on a guide in with the same attitude as a preceding part on the guide; and

a step of moving the preceding part on the guide by pushing a plurality of receiving portions provided on the preceding part placed on the guide, in such a manner that ~~an~~ the attitude of the preceding part is maintained, by means of a plurality of abutment portions provided on the placed part.

18. (Currently Amended) A part supplying method for supplying a placed part to a predetermined position, comprising:

a step of providing the part having a retained portion which is positioned ~~taking out a part~~ ~~by retaining the part at a portion thereof~~ of said part that ~~which~~ does not affect the functioning ~~functions~~ of the part;

a step of placing the ~~retained~~ part on a guide ~~in~~ with the same attitude as a preceding part already positioned on the guide, the preceding part also including retained portion which is positioned at a portion of the preceding part that does not affect the functioning of the preceding part; and

a step of moving the preceding part on the guide by pushing a plurality of receiving portions provided on the preceding part placed on the guide, in such a manner that the attitude of the preceding part is maintained, by means of a plurality of abutment portions provided on the placed part, wherein the portion of the preceding part comprising the plurality of receiving portions is part of the retaining portion of the preceding part and wherein the portion of the placed part comprising the plurality of abutment portions is part of the retained portion of said placed part.